

Implementation & Budget Details

2018 WI Governor's ECAC Recommendation

Recommendation Title/Name:

Home Visiting Expansion

Recommendation:

Expand evidence-based home visiting services to families in underserved areas, including rural and tribal communities without access to the service and/or communities where the need outpaces the availability.

Evidence-based home visiting services provided by trained professionals during pregnancy and in the early years improve the lives of children and families. Frequent, regularly scheduled visits are offered on a voluntary basis and address healthy prenatal practices, infant care, developmental milestones, positive parenting techniques, and setting goals for the future.

Implementation Details:

This proposal addresses the need for services in underserved, high-need communities in Wisconsin through three strategies:

- **Strategy 1: Grow current programs to serve more families:** The Family Foundations Home Visiting program will increase the grant amount to currently-funded programs to add a home visitor position. Strategy 1 will increase the number of Family Foundations family slots by up to 50.*
- **Strategy 2: Implement home visiting in new communities:** Family Foundations will add new sites in the Western and Northern regions of the state as well as a tribal site. Implementation at these three sites will follow a one year planning period.** Strategy 2 will increase the number of Family Foundations family slots by up to 100.
- **Strategy 3: Fund the last two programs that applied for funding during the 2016 procurement process.** Strategy 3 will increase the number of Family Foundations family slots by up to 80.

Financial Commitment:

Home visiting expansion would require an additional \$2,287,500 over the biennium: \$787,500 from base in Year 1 and \$1,500,000 from base in year 2.

Cost From Base by State Fiscal Year		
Year	Amount	Explanation
SFY 2020	\$787,500	Strategy 1 and Strategy 2 to be implemented in October, 2019
SFY 2021	\$1,500,000***	Strategy 1 and Strategy 2 will continue in SFY 2021. Strategy 3 program implementation will begin in January, 2021.

*The actual number of family slots will be dependent on the specific agency's staffing plan and evidence-based model.

**The costs of the one year planning period (\$225,000 in SFY20 and \$225,000 in SFY21) will be funded through the existing Family Foundations Home Visiting budget.

*** The full cost of implementation is \$1,950,000 starting in FY2022. Of this total, \$450,000 will be funded through the federal MIECHV grant; the requested amount above covers 77% of the ongoing program implementation.